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NATHAN F. DIXON.



Nathan F. Dixon, elected United States Senator from Rhode Island, belongs to a family, which has been prominent in national affairs for many years. His father was long time in Congress, and his grandfather was Senator and President of the United States Senate fifty years ago. Senator Nathan Dixon was born at Westerly R. I. on a farm, which for some generations has been in the hands of the family. He graduated at Brown University in 1863 and from the Albany Law School in 1871 in the same year he was admitted to the Bar in Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New York. He was United States District Attorney from 1877 to 1885 and has been State Senator since 1885. He is a firm Republican and is also a Protectionist of the severest type. Personally he is liked every where, being a polished and handsome gentleman, who looks even younger than he is. He is a very good debater, and is never known to show temper or to allow any thing in debate to ruffle or disturb him. He is a man of high character, who is sure to make his mark in the Senate, where he next to Senator Kennerly, will be the youngest member.

VIEWS OF PROMINENT COLORED MEN ON THE "KEY-NOTE."

J. W. Menard Fla.—I have read Mr. Douglass' speech delivered at the Metropolitan church, and I utterly disagree with his views on race pride. I think it unessential in the development of races. There are several other points to which I might refer that I do not endorse.

Ex-Auditor McCabe, Kan.: The speech was just what Mr. Douglass made it, a diplomatic and cunningly worded bid for recognition.

The outlook for the negro is not half so bad as Mr. Douglass would make it appear. He is an alarmist. I heard the speech when it was delivered and am surprised that the published speech is so different from the one I heard. There were some things which he said and which were stricken out of the Press copy of his speech that would perhaps answer the question why such a speech was made at this time. Had it been made before election he would have been classed as a democrat.

J. H. Williamson, N. C.—It is an inexplicable something which Mr. Douglass knows more about than those who heard it. I am not a Douglass worshipper, and must, therefore, be excused for not giving my views as to what the "key-note" means and what it is expected to accomplish.

F. G. Barbadoes, Cal.—Without organization and race pride, a great many great negroes, and especially those who are now opposed to the idea that there should exist any such thing among negroes, would still be as insignificant as they were when they stepped on the backs of black men into place and power. Without race pride the caucasian race would amount to nothing. It is that very thing which has made it as powerful as it is. I do not endorse any sentiment which tends to destroy that idea, for I believe in organization and in race pride, both are necessary for the salvation of the negro and cannot be too greatly encouraged.

DIDN'T CARE TO OBTURDE HIMSELF.

The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but a man as distinguished and honored at home and abroad as Frederick Douglass could not find accommodation in any of the hotels in Florida, where he had been invited to deliver a speech at the sub-tropical exposition at Jacksonville, and strenuous efforts were made to secure him lodging but in vain.

SOME INTERESTING QUESTIONS.

Is crime inborn, hereditary? What can eradicate it, education, religion? Did you ever know any of these to do so? If a man of religion commits a crime, you say he has no religion; why don't you dodge the issue the same way when an educated man commits a crime? What has the negro accomplished in a purely political way?

Is prejudice against the negro founded on color, or is it founded on the habits and customs of the race generally?

Did you ever know a woman who wouldn't quarrel or couldn't love?

Will you try to get us a new subscriber?

What is the logic of church festivals, raffles, jug-breakings, cake walks, and walk-a-rounds as now given by the churches?

Are they used to make up for what the gospel lacks in attractiveness?—Tyler Leader, Texas.

PRACTICAL ORGANIZATION AND RACE-PRIDE.

There is considerable written during the year about the condition of the Negroes in the South. But there is such a thing as honest truth. Here are the latest statistics on the subject: In the south there are now 16,000 colored teachers, 1,000,000 pupils, 17,000 in the male and female high schools, and 3,000,000 worshippers in the churches. There are sixty normal schools, fifty colleges and universities, and twenty-five theological seminaries. They pay taxes on nearly \$2,000,000 worth of property, this in the Southern States, which, if including the Northern states, would double the property valuation. This is a wonderful showing for the race.—Freeman.

A WILD WESTERN JOKE.

This one was sprung in our office: "Why can't President Harrison get his life insured? Give it up? Well, because no one can make out his policy."—Plain Dealer, Michigan.

THANKS, AWFULLY.

We are glad to have the Washington "Bee" come to us in exchange. The "Bee" is a great paper, and we hope that it has many thousand paying subscribers. —Watcher, Ala.

FORCIBLE REMARKS FROM A PATENT INSIDE, COLORED JOURNAL.

We think a dose of Mrs. Winslow's soothing syrup would do the Hon. Frederick Douglass more good than anything else as he is getting so babyish of late that he wants the great big round earth. Of course he can't get it.

RACE PRIDE WANTED.

An exchange says the negro has a great deal to learn. So has the caucasian.—Freeman.

We know that, Bro. Cooper, but the negro must learn to do his own thinking, have more race pride and stand by his own interests. Yes, he must learn to do this for it is important.—Critic.

ANOTHER KEY NOTE FROM THE WILD WEST.

If President Harrison desires to retain the favorable opinion of the colored man and brother, we would advise him to hurry up a little in his appointments. Thus far he has failed to appoint a single colored man to office in recognition of his services to the party. Although four new states have been admitted, the colored man is as much a factor in American politics as before, and it would be well to remember this in dealing with him.—Citizen, Kansas.

FAITHFUL ARE THE WORDS OF A FRIEND, BUT THE KISSES OF AN ENEMY ARE DECEITFUL.

"Again, Mr. Douglass said that the colored people should not be united. Surely he was in a trance when he penned the above and evidently that trance was still on him when he gave expression to

it. All of Mr. Douglass' public and political speeches have been for the solidarity of the colored people in support of the Republican party. Now he has boldly asserted that colored men should divide their strength. If they do this they will necessarily have to divide their political strength. The question arises will not the solidarity of the colored vote for the republican party benefit them more than if they divide their strength. I think it will. I will continue to think this way as long as the Democratic party remains the mass of corruption and fraud that it is.

Mr. Douglass further said: "It will not do to claim for ourselves equality with the whites in everything. Nothing is gained by claiming for ourselves more than of right belongs to us. It is no use for us, because we can smoke cigars and block the sidewalk so that the white men cannot pass, to claim equality. That is no equality. Let us assume that these people are superior to us, but that originally, fundamentally and prospectively we are the equal of any people."

Mr. Douglass did the colored people of Florida no good and covered himself with no glory by coming here. It would have been better for him and the colored people of Florida if he had never left Washington. He may have pleased some of the whites, but there are among the whites, as among other races, those who lose their appreciation and respect for any person who denies his race allegiance. I heard one of the prominent white men when asked by a prominent colored man what he thought of Douglass, say that the only fault he found with Douglass was that he was too white for a colored man. I hope the day will soon come when we will have no milk and water advocates among our race, but men who will at all times and under all kinds of difficulties defend the race.—E. FORTUNE, JR., in New York Age.

WELL PLEASED.

REV. GRAHAM DOING WELL.

Danville, Va., April 29, '89. Editor Bee:

I have been here about three months as pastor of the Loyal Street Baptist church; yesterday was my first grand rally for lifting means to pay a debt of \$3,800.00. We looked forward to the appointed day for the grand effort with expectations of doing more than we did in that direction. But on the 15th inst. there began a strike among the factory hands (this being a tobacco-town) which put the whole city to a stand-still in business.

Yet we have need to feel proud of what we did do. The day was a beautiful one, and at 9:30 a. m. the Sabbath school, numbering 250 present, assembled in the basement of the church for prayer-meeting by request of the State S. S. Board. Rev. Alexander Gordon, of Lynchburg, gave a very entertaining address to the little ones.

At 11 a. m. Rev. Everette, of the Shiloh Baptist Church, preached an instructive sermon: "God a present help."

At 3 p. m., Lynchburg's pride, Rev. Gordon, preached a rousing sermon on giving to the Lord, and I tell you he made the people feel like giving.

At 8 p. m., he again gave an able sermon on "Christ Reigning." The house was packed each hour of service.

Collection of the day was \$500.65. I am well pleased with my new field of labor. Some of the best talent of the city form an active and a laboring part of my church. The Rev. Eggleston of the Presbyterian church (colored) was with us also in the afternoon. He is a scholar and a fine gentleman, liberal and broad in views and disposition.

The High St. Baptist church, over which the distinguished Rev. H. H. Mitchell formerly presided, will soon have another able pastor. They deserve a good man, for they are a noble and good people.

High Street and Loyal Street are in union and in the lead.

We shall soon let the good citizens of Washington have a bird's-eye view of Danville.

W. F. GRAHAM.

Dont fail to pay your subscription.

SOME MISSES WE ALSO KNOW.

Miss chevious, the girl who puts tacks and bent pins on her older sisters beaus chair early in the evening.

Miss-anthrope, the girl who has lived too long to catch a beau.

Miss-judge, the girl who is always wrong and seldom right.

Miss-trial, the girl who took a beau on probation, dismissed him and caught a tartar.

Miss-cellaneous, the girl of parts, who parts her hair on both sides.

Miss-print, the girl who is fond of kissing.

Miss-chance, the girl who isn't very particular in selecting a partner for life.

Miss-carry, the girl who is fond of gossip.

Miss-lead, the girl who equivocates and sometimes wrestles with the truth.

Miss-deal, the girl who monkeys with the cards at polka or euchre.

Miss-take, the girl who accepts the trifling present of a cluster diamond ring from her best beau.

Miss-giving, the charitable girl who wants to make others happy.

Miss-demeanor, the naughty girl who is always disturbing the peace because a rival is after her beau.

Miss rule, a strongminded girl who hates men.

Miss-govern, the girl who has promised to boss her husband when she gets him.

Miss-trust the confiding girl with unlimited faith in human nature.

Miss-construe, the obtuse girl who doesn't always see the point.

STAND BY YOUR FRIENDS.

National View.

A good maxim—which deserves a practical application and should never be forgotten. He who fails to recognize it turns his back upon the first principle of social relationship, which binds men together in confidence and trust.

In this connection the charge of ingratitude may well apply, when it is ignored by any one, high or low. And this is no less true in politics, as in morals. Certainly it does not require any great mental stress to see the point, or, appreciate the moral. For the feeling is instinctive and springs at once to the front, when a case of that kind occurs. Most men are ready to accept the proffers of friendship and personal assistance when needed for themselves; but all are not ready to return the favor when an opportunity occurs. They are unwilling to observe the great precept which says: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." They do not stop to consider the ingratitude implied but stultified to all generous feeling ignore the obligation that they themselves have created.

Appropos to this Charles A. Dana was not far from right when he said, "the essence of politics, men and brethren, is to stand by your friends." There is force and pith in this declaration; and it should come home to every one who accepts a personal service, or creates an obligation. Let men be true to each other. It inspires respect and assures confidence. Without these, the social fabric is broken, and men disregard the bonds which should bind them together.

And so we close as we began. Be true to your friends. There can be no better impulse; no more gracious sentiment. Write it on your hearts. Invest it with every valuable consideration—and it will live forever.

TRY THE PRESS.

Freeman.

The colored press is gradually developing not only wide awake, well read men, but scholars and orators as well. Some of the coming orators are now publishing newspapers, among whom are W. Calvin Chase, of the Bee, T. Thomas Fortune, of the Age, Jno. C. Daney, of the star of Zion and F. L. Barnett, of the Conservator. Some of our institutions of learning could make an excellent "change o program" by selecting their commencement orators from the press fraternity.

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